

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JIM FOSTER FROM THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of recognizing Jim Foster, who recently retired as Executive Director of the City Club of Cleveland. For twenty years, Mr. Foster provided strong and innovative leadership, building on the worldwide reputation of the City Club of Cleveland as "the citadel of free speech."

Jim Foster originally joined the City Club of Cleveland in 1993 as managing director and become executive director a year later. His involvement, however, was a continuation of a life and career spent in the Greater Cleveland community. Jim grew up in Shaker Heights, was an active member of the Air Force Reserve, and previously worked in city and county government.

As executive director, Jim continued the tradition of excellence of the City Club of Cleveland—the longest running continuous independent free speech forum in the country—in addressing the most salient issues while enacting necessary organizational changes to keep up, and ahead of, the time.

Displaying savvy leadership, Jim enhanced the club's media footprint on television and radio, secured the www.cityclub.org web address and built a website. As social media expanded, Jim kept the organization in front, providing all their forums via live stream, podcast, and archived on the Club's YouTube channel.

Throughout his tenure, Jim displayed a fervent commitment to free speech and the collegial exchange of ideas by pursuing speakers of national prominence and profound influence on a variety of topics, including politics, business, education, and health care. Speakers from all vantage points were hosted and subjected to the challenging but fair questions for which the City Club Forums are well-known. Just recently I worked with Jim to help bring Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI to the City Club for a luncheon address that was extremely well received.

I can confidently say that Jim fulfilled the Club's mission of being an exemplar of a democratic community.

As he enters retirement, I thank Jim for his immense dedication and excellence in serving the community. His character and career accomplishments epitomize what democracy and citizenship are about.

I join the City Club of Cleveland, its board of directors, the greater community, and friends and family in wishing Jim health and happiness in the years ahead. It is my privilege to honor Jim Foster.

HONORING MR. CLARENCE
SCUTTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Clarence Scutter, who is a remarkable civil and public servant.

Mr. Clarence Scutter is a lifetime resident of Port Gibson, MS. Having been raised in a single parent home by his mother, Georgia Scutter and grandmother, Alice Scutter, he is the eldest of three siblings.

Mr. Scutter graduated from Addison High School in 1962 and attended Alcorn State University. His goal of becoming a doctor was cut short by the death of his mother and later his grandmother. He was left with the responsibility of taking care of his younger sister and brother.

After his siblings reached adulthood, Mr. Scutter began his career: He served in the United States Army Reserve; he was Scoutmaster for a local boy scout troop; he was instrumental in helping to establish the first nutrition sites for the elderly in Claiborne County; he served as Chairman of the Claiborne County Committee on Aging; he was appointed to the Mississippi Council on Aging by Governor William Winter in 1981; he has served as President of the Richardson PTA and the Claiborne County PTA; and he served a number of years on the State PTA Board.

Mr. Scutter also has a compassion for sports; he served as an official with the Mississippi High School Activities Association, where he officiated football and basketball on the Junior High and High School levels; and with the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) where he officiated college basketball.

In 2004, Mr. Scutter was instrumental in applying for and being awarded a grant from the Association of Black Cardiology to promote healthcare awareness in Claiborne County and the surrounding areas. This grant introduced the "CHOICES" program to the community. It brought together four (4) local churches within the community with over 50 local residents who received training and became a Certified Health Promotion Specialists, volunteering to travel throughout the community providing health screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index free of charge.

Mr. Scutter was employed with the United States Postal Service for 35 years, when he retired in 1999. He has served as County Coordinator for Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON for a number of years. Upon retirement he took on more challenges to impact his community. He is currently active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including: MS Regional Housing Authority VI where he is a Commissioner for Claiborne County; Claiborne County Branch of the NAACP; Claiborne County PTSA; Citizens for Better Government Consulting Group; Claiborne County Retired Personnel Association and CEO for the Rural Community Development Corporation. His most prestigious award came in 1999 where he received the Outstanding Leadership Award from President Bill Clinton. He is currently an Alderman for the City of Port Gibson. He recently received the Community Service Award from the Alcorn State University Alumni Chapter.

Mr. Scutter is a member of the Christian Chapel Church in Port Gibson, MS where he serves as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Board Member.

Mr. Scutter is married to Bobbie "Doss" Scutter and they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Clarence Scutter for his

dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. MORELLI, RECIPIENT OF THE TOMB HONOR GUARD IDENTIFICATION BADGE AND BRONZE STAR, AS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John J. Morelli, who received the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge and Bronze Star of the United States Army. Mr. Morelli is also being honored by his town of Olyphant, Pennsylvania, and his name will be displayed on a historical marker to be dedicated there tomorrow morning, June 14.

Mr. Morelli, born January 18, 1918 to John and Lucy Morelli, began his distinguished life living in the rear of his family-owned shoe repair shop in Olyphant. During his early years, Mr. Morelli attended Olyphant High School and entered the United States Army at the age of twenty-two.

Mr. Morelli was stationed stateside during World War II where he was honored to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. One of his other duties during this period of service included guarding German prisoners of war in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Morelli's career in the Army continued when he fought in the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. During Mr. Morelli's first day of combat, the sergeant he was sent to replace was shot by enemy fire, prompting Mr. Morelli to expose himself as a target while trying to save the fallen soldier. This act of bravery earned Mr. Morelli the Bronze Star Medal.

Also highly notable are Mr. Morelli's nine and a half—albeit non-consecutive—years as Sergeant of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mr. Morelli held this prestigious assignment, among the rarest in the Army, longer than any other soldier in history. Due to Mr. Morelli's outstanding service, he was awarded the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge, the second rarest military badge after the Astronaut Badge.

In recognition of Mr. Morelli's achievements in the Army, the historical marker will be dedicated tomorrow at the site of his father's former shoe repair shop in Olyphant. I add my congratulations and heartfelt thanks for exemplary service to our country on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent the week of June 3, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 184: "Yea," H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013;